TRAVELER'S BRIEFING

LEBANON

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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Lebanese Republic

Capital: Beirut

Population: 3,562,699 (est)

Type of government: Republic

Head of government: PM Salim al-Huss

Official language(s) Arabic

Economy: EmergingCapitalist

Religions: Islam (70%), Christian (30%)

TRAVEL

INFORMATION

Travel restrictions: None

International Airport: Beirut

Flights from Frankfurt: Middle East Airlines

Other methods of arrival: Ship/Road/Rail

U.S. Embassy address: Antelias, P.O. Box 70-840, Beirut
Tel: 961-4-402200 FAX: 961-4-407112

Transportation: Public transportation: Good.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Poor.

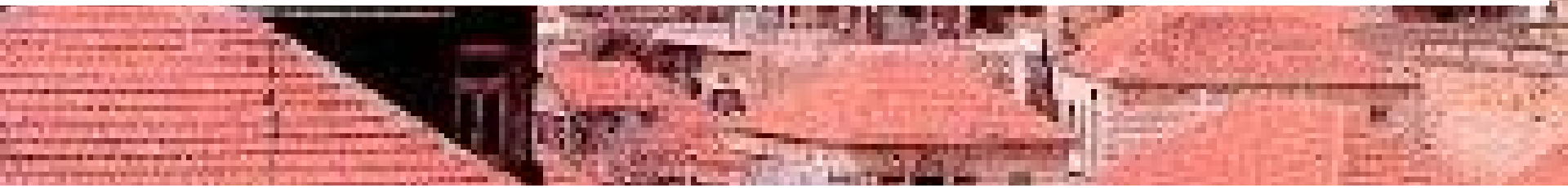
Rural roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Availability of roadside assistance: Poor. Drivers often maneuver aggressively, and pay little regard to traffic lights and stops signs. Lanes are generally unmarked. Pedestrians especially should exercise great caution, as parked cars often obstruct the sidewalks, forcing pedestrians to walk in the streets.

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: For official travel, no-fee passports and visas are required. All other travelers require passports and visas. US citizens are not permitted to travel to Lebanon unless there is a verified medical emergency. Official travelers will not enter Lebanon through Beirut International airport. The only means of transport to/from Lebanon for official US government travelers is via the air bridge helicopter between Beirut and Cyprus.

Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.



Duty-free entry for personal effects: 200 cigarettes, 25 cigars, or 200 grams cut tobacco; one liter alcoholic beverages; half liter of eau de cologne; 60 grams of perfumery; other diverse articles as presents or souvenirs; and articles for strictly

HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: Do not approach veiled Moslem women or discuss local conditions. Photographing military installations is prohibited.

Amembassy observes US and local holidays.

MONEY

Currency restrictions: There are no currency restrictions. Exchange at banks and hotels.

Rate: Approximate: 1507 Lebanese Ponds for $1.

HEALTH

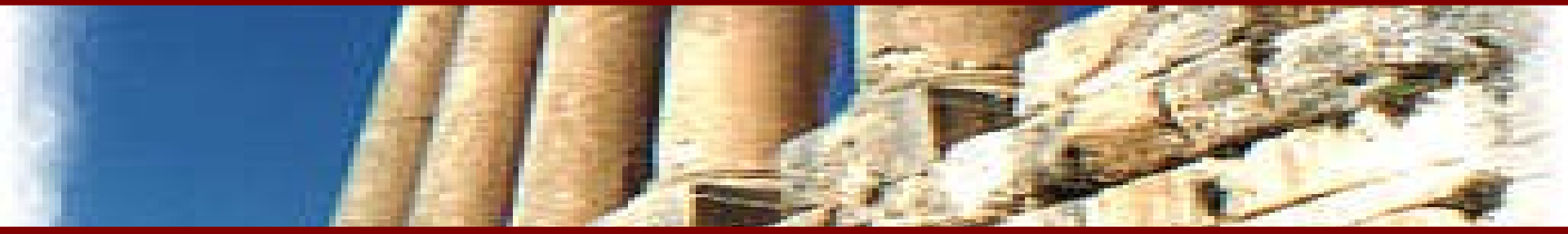
Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, arthropod-borne diseases, STDs, cold injuries, heat injuries and industrial pollution.

Availability of medical services: Adequate medical care is readily available.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Lebanon. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed

Status of hospitals: Fair.

Health Precautions: None



Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B, typhoid, MMR, influenza, and TD.

FORCE PROTECTION

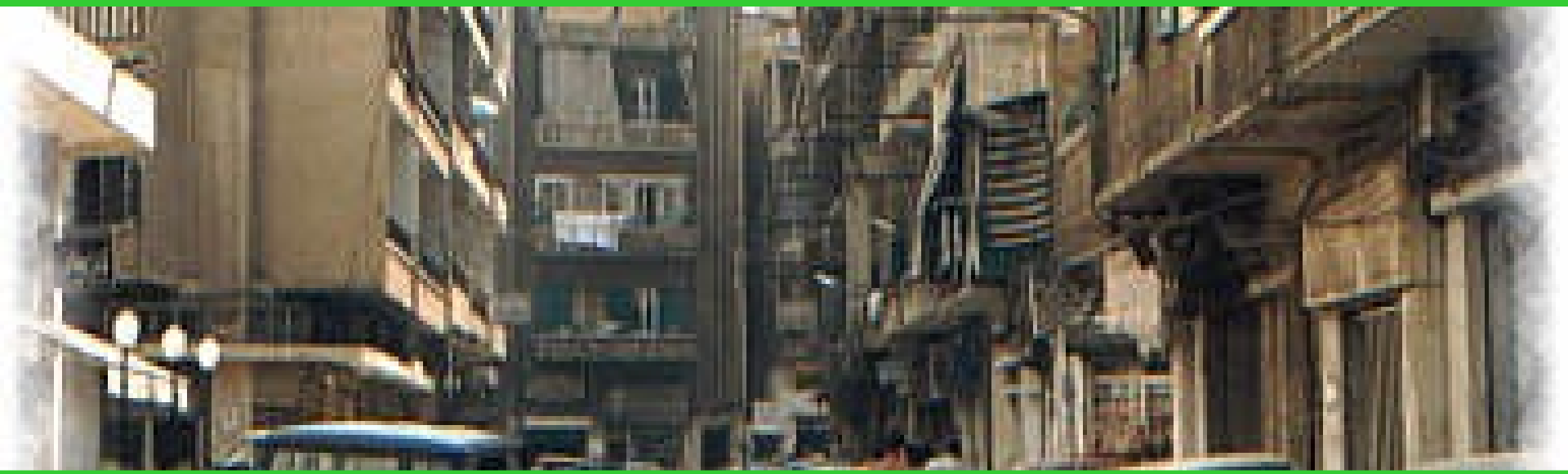
Country Clearance is needed for high-ranking officers traveling to Lebanon. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer

The situation in Lebanon is tense. A travel advisory is in effect for Lebanon. All travel should be done with caution and only as required. A travel warning is in effect for the Bekaa and North Lebanon. Travel in those areas is considered dangerous for Americans.. Hostilities can occur in Lebanon with little warning, including attacks by Israeli military forces and random or planned criminal acts. Civilians in the south continue to suffer artillery and aerial attacks, bombings, and abductions. All unnecessary exposure should be avoided. US citizens are encouraged to carry a copy of their US passport and Lebanese visa with them at all times, so that, if questioned by local officials, proof of identity and US citizenship are readily available. Lebanese males 18 to 30

CRIME

Criminal Activities: While the crime rate in Lebanon is moderate, both car thefts and house break-ins occur. The loss or theft of a U.S. passport abroad should be reported immediately to local police and the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.



Lebanon is strict on: firearms. Firearms are prohibited. To transport arms, munitions, or explosives of any sort, advance permit must be obtained and authority granted by Council of Ministers. Request must be received by USDAO at least 20

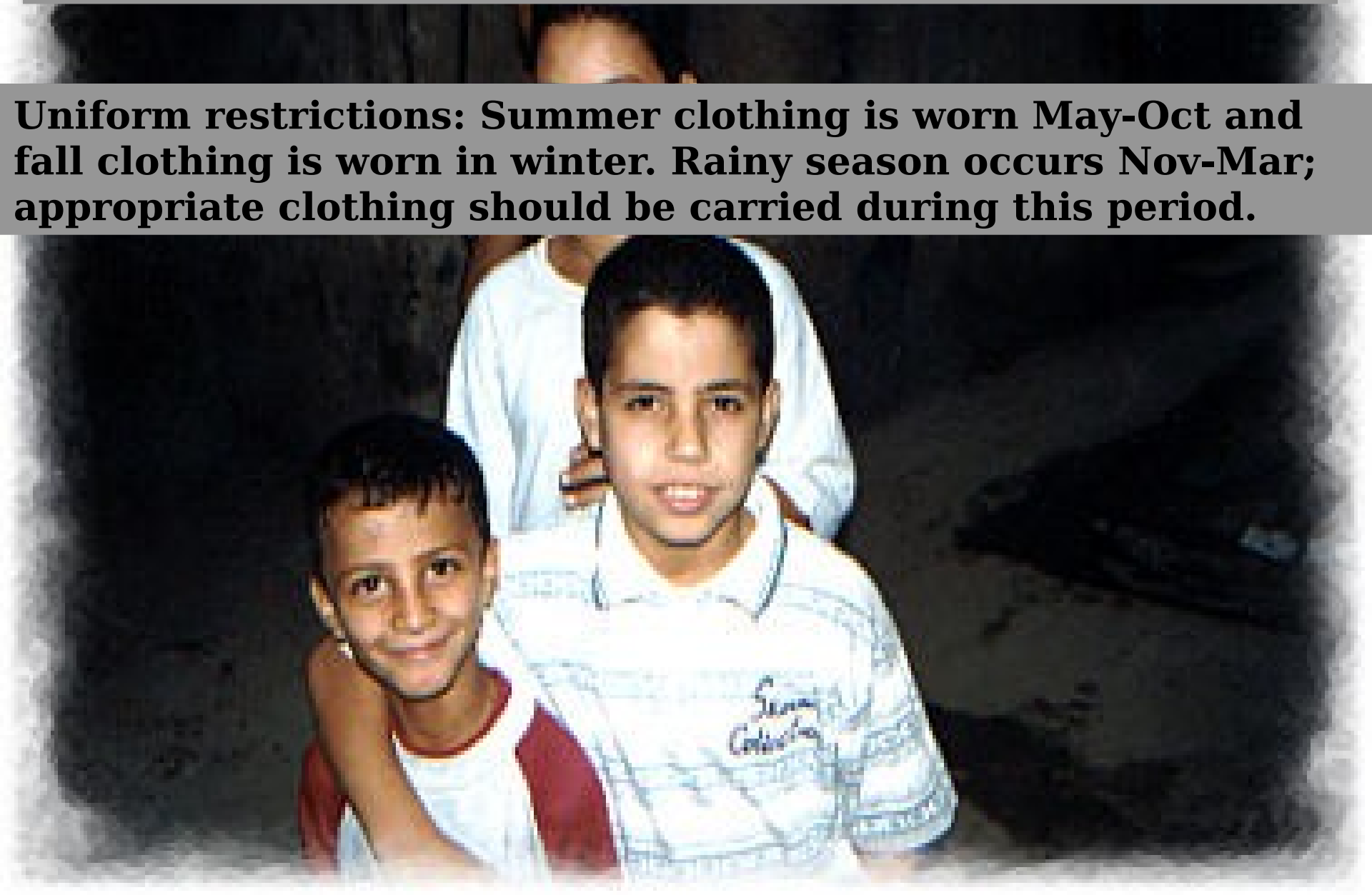
WEATHER

http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html

Http://www.weatherunderground.com/

CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: Summer clothing is worn May-Oct and fall clothing is worn in winter. Rainy season occurs Nov-Mar; appropriate clothing should be carried during this period.



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